

applications through thermal and thermo-chemical conversion technologies. The programme on setting up of demonstration and pilot plants are taken up in consultation with the State nodal/implementing agencies. Nodal/implementing agencies of States and UTs are encouraged to set up demonstration and pilot plants at the feasible sites with partial financial assistance of the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. No proposal on Biomass based power system has been received from West Bengal Govt.

A pilot project to demonstrate utilisation of rice straw in large quantity for decentralised power generation in rural areas through incineration technology is nearing completion at Jalkheri near Patiala, Punjab. The project envisages utilising about 70,000 tonnes of rice straw per annum and generate about 10 MW power. On successful operation of this pilot plant the technology could be adopted to formulate long term plan for utilisation of surplus rice straw for power generation and cogeneration.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Food Processing Industries in Rajasthan

5289. PROF RASA SINGH RAWAT:
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA
RAJE:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food processing industries set up in Rajasthan during the last three years and the amount spent thereon;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up more food processing industries in Rajasthan during the Eighth Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

(a) The information regarding the number of food processing industries set up in Rajasthan during the last three years and the amount spent thereon is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up food processing industries directly in any State. However, this Ministry has formulated several schemes for 8th Plan for providing assistance to State Government Organisations, Joint Sector Companies, Cooperative Societies, voluntary agencies etc. for setting up/promoting food processing industries.

[English]

Assistance by KFW, Germany for lift Irrigation in Orissa

5290. SHRISHIVAJI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Orissa for obtaining financial assistance from KFW, Germany for lift irrigation facilities in the State; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Yes Sir.

The project proposal has been posed for assistance to Germany. The Project has been appraised by KFW, Germany. Necessary information has been made available to them to enable finalisation of appraisal.